

REMARKS

Claims 1-40 were pending the application. Claims 17-40 have been canceled, without prejudice. Upon entry of this amendment, Claims 1-16 remain pending. For the Examiner's convenience the currently pending claims are set forth in Appendix A.

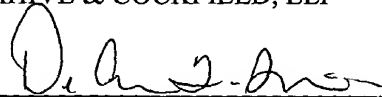
No new matter has been added. Any amendments to and/or cancellation of the claims was done solely for the purpose of expediting prosecution of the present application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the claims as originally filed in this or a separate application(s).

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' Attorney at (617) 227-7400.

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